

education with regard to VA's health professionals.

I understand the gentleman has every reason to be upset with regard to what is occurring in the Gulf with regard to the oil spill. This oil should almost be treated as an invasion of our country. I understand why he is upset.

The legislation before us deals with veterans issues. It deals with making sure that the professionals that work in the VA are able to be reimbursed for their continuing professional education.

I want to thank Chairman FILNER right now for his patience. I want to thank you for that. I think we can feel for Mr. SCALISE as he just returned from Louisiana, how upset and how high the emotions are in New Orleans and Louisiana, not only from Katrina but also the oil spill, and I can understand where he is coming from. But I want to bring us back to the issue of the bill itself. So I want to thank Mr. FILNER for being very patient with our colleague from Louisiana.

One point that we probably haven't talked about with regard to this is the challenge, Chairman FILNER, that we have in front of us with regard to nursing and the nursing shortage. So many of the nurses are going to be retiring now over the next 12 years, and as we look at the ability for us to replenish that hole that is going to be created, there is going to be a dynamic shift within our health professions. So a lot of jobs and responsibilities that the nurse corps would be providing today, they are not going to be providing 10 years from now.

Actually, there will be a dynamic shift within health care itself and their profession. Their skill sets are actually going to get higher and even better and more improved, and jobs which they are doing today are going to have to be back-filled by nursing assistants. So for us to step forward and do this type of reimbursement to increase the quality of what they are about to provide, this is extremely important.

I want to thank the majority for bringing this type of bill, because we are going to have to help them increase the standards. It is the only way we are going to be able to actually deal with this hole that we are going to have in our health system and the increased demand that it is going to be placing upon the health system itself, because we don't have all the nursing slots in the education system to be able to do this.

I want to thank you for stepping into the breach. This is the right thing for us to do, especially when I look back at the years in which I served as a legal advisor for a hospital with regard to quality assurance and risk management. These are always extremely important issues. So I want to thank the chairman.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I do urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5145, as amended.

Like the gentleman from Indiana, I understand the outrage and anger of the gentleman from Louisiana as we are facing probably the biggest environmental disaster of this century. And yet, Madam Speaker, I find it more than ironic, I find it irresponsible, that the very same people who say "drill, baby, drill," the very same people who are always against government interference, the very same people who are always against Big Government, all of a sudden, when it is their district, they want Big Government, and they want regulation, and they want government to clean up the environmental disaster.

Well, we all have to get in there, and BP had better recognize its corporate responsibility for this. But, Madam Speaker, these people always scream against Big Government, but they are the first who want Big Government to come in and save them. So, let us understand the irony and the irresponsibility of those who keep yelling against government regulation, and government interference, but when it affects their district, they want it.

I ask for unanimous agreement on this measure.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5145, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### REDUCE UNNECESSARY SPENDING ACT OF 2010—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 111-117)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Rules and the Committee on the Budget and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Today, I am pleased to submit to the Congress the enclosed legislative proposal, the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010," along with a section-by-section analysis of the legislation.

This proposal will be another important step in restoring fiscal discipline and making sure that Washington spends taxpayer dollars responsibly. It will provide a new tool to streamline Government programs and operations, cut wasteful Government spending, and enhance transparency and account-

ability to the American people. The legislation will create an expedited procedure to rescind unnecessary spending and to broadly scale back funding levels if warranted. The legislation would require the Congress to vote up or down on legislation proposed by the President to rescind funding. This new, enhanced rescission authority will not only empower the President and the Congress to eliminate unnecessary spending, but also discourage waste in the first place.

Now more than ever, it's critical that taxpayer dollars are not wasted on programs that are ineffective, duplicative, or out-dated. In a time when American families and small business owners are conscious of every dollar and make sure that they manage their budgets wisely, the Federal Government can do no less. The American people expect and demand that we spend their money with the same discipline. Allowing taxpayer dollars to be wasted is both an irresponsible use of taxpayer funds and an irresponsible abuse of the public trust.

Recently, the Congress has taken welcome steps to curb wasteful spending. In 2007, when I served in the Senate, a bipartisan group worked together to eliminate anonymous earmarks and brought new measures of transparency to the process so Americans can better follow how their tax dollars are being spent. Consequently, we have seen progress—with earmarks declining since these reforms were passed, including during this past fiscal year.

In addition, my Administration undertook a line-by-line review of the Budget, and put forward approximately \$20 billion of terminations, reductions, and savings both for Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011. While recent administrations have seen between 15 to 20 percent of their proposed discretionary cuts approved by the Congress, for FY 2010, we worked with the Congress to enact 60 percent of proposed cuts.

Despite the progress we have made to reduce earmarks and other unnecessary spending, there is still more work to be done. The legislation I am sending to you today provides an important tool. The legislation allows the President to target spending policies that do not have a legitimate and worthy public purpose by providing the President with an additional authority to propose the elimination of wasteful or excessive funding. These proposals then receive expedited consideration in the Congress and a guaranteed up-or-down vote. This legislation would also allow the President to delay funding for these projects until the Congress has had the chance to consider the changes. In addition, this proposal has been crafted to preserve the constitutional balance of power between the President and the Congress.

Overall, the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010" provides a new way for the Congress and the President to manage taxpayer dollars wisely.

That is why I urge the prompt and favorable consideration of this proposal, and look forward to working with the Congress on this matter in the coming weeks.

BARACK OBAMA.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 24, 2010.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 24, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 24, 2010 at 9:38 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5139.

Appointments:  
Congressional Oversight Panel.  
With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*By Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk.*

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BRIGHT) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 278, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1017, by the yeas and nays; and  
H.R. 5330, de novo.

Remaining postponed votes will be taken later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

### SALUTING SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN TOUCH ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the mo-

tion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 278.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 0, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 291]

YEAS—371

Ackerman	Crowley	Holden
Aderholt	Cuellar	Holt
Adler (NJ)	Culberson	Honda
Akin	Cummings	Hoyer
Altmire	Dahlkemper	Hunter
Andrews	Davis (CA)	Inslee
Austria	Davis (IL)	Israel
Baca	Davis (KY)	Issa
Bachmann	Davis (TN)	Jackson (IL)
Bachus	DeFazio	Jenkins
Baird	DeGette	Johnson (GA)
Baldwin	DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.
Barrow	Dent	Johnson, Sam
Bartlett	Deutch	Jones
Barton (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jordan (OH)
Bean	Dicks	Kagen
Becerra	Dingell	Kanjorski
Berkley	Doggett	Kaptur
Berman	Donnelly (IN)	Kennedy
Biggert	Doyle	Kildee
Bilbray	Dreier	Kilpatrick (MI)
Bilirakis	Driehaus	Kilroy
Bishop (GA)	Duncan	Kind
Bishop (UT)	Edwards (MD)	King (IA)
Blackburn	Edwards (TX)	King (NY)
Boehner	Ehlers	Kingston
Bonner	Ellison	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Boozman	Ellsworth	Kissell
Boren	Emerson	Klein (FL)
Boswell	Engel	Kline (MN)
Boustany	Eshoo	Kosmas
Boyd	Etheridge	Kratovil
Brady (PA)	Farr	Kucinich
Brady (TX)	Fattah	Lance
Braley (IA)	Filner	Langevin
Bright	Flake	Larsen (WA)
Broun (GA)	Fleming	Larson (CT)
Brown (SC)	Forbes	Latham
Brown, Corrine	Fortenberry	LaTourette
Buchanan	Foster	Latta
Burgess	Fox	Lee (CA)
Burton (IN)	Frank (MA)	Lee (NY)
Butterfield	Franks (AZ)	Levin
Buyer	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (CA)
Calvert	Fudge	Lewis (GA)
Camp	Gallegly	Linder
Campbell	Garamendi	LoBiondo
Cantor	Garrett (NJ)	Loeb
Capito	Gerlach	Loftgren, Zoe
Capps	Giffords	Lowey
Capuano	Gingrey (GA)	Lucas
Cardoza	Gohmert	Luetkemeyer
Carnahan	Gonzalez	Luján
Carney	Goodlatte	Lummis
Carson (IN)	Gordon (TN)	Lungren, Daniel
Carter	Granger	E.
Castle	Grayson	Lynch
Castor (FL)	Green, Al	Mack
Chaffetz	Green, Gene	Maloney
Chandler	Grijalva	Marchant
Chu	Guthrie	Markey (CO)
Clarke	Hall (TX)	Markey (MA)
Clay	Halvorson	Marshall
Cleaver	Hare	Matsui
Clyburn	Harman	McCarthy (CA)
Coble	Harper	McCarthy (NY)
Coffman (CO)	Hastings (FL)	McCaul
Cohen	Hastings (WA)	McClintock
Cole	Heinrich	McCollum
Conaway	Heller	McCotter
Connolly (VA)	Hensarling	McDermott
Cooper	Herger	McGovern
Costa	Hereth Sandlin	McHenry
Costello	Hill	McIntyre
Courtney	Himes	McKeon
Crenshaw	Hinche	McMahon
Critz	Hirono	

McMorris	Posey	Smith (NE)
Rodgers	Price (GA)	Smith (NJ)
Meek (FL)	Price (NC)	Smith (TX)
Meeks (NY)	Putnam	Smith (WA)
Mica	Quigley	Snyder
Michaud	Radanovich	Speier
Miller (FL)	Rahall	Stark
Miller (MI)	Rangel	Stearns
Miller (NC)	Rehberg	Sullivan
Miller, Gary	Reichert	Sutton
Miller, George	Reyes	Tanner
Minnick	Richardson	Teague
Mitchell	Rodriguez	Terry
Moore (KS)	Roe (TN)	Thompson (CA)
Moore (WI)	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (MS)
Moran (KS)	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (PA)
Moran (VA)	Rogers (MI)	Thornberry
Murphy (CT)	Rooney	Tiberi
Murphy (NY)	Roskam	Tierney
Murphy, Tim	Rothman (NJ)	Titus
Myrick	Roybal-Allard	Tonko
Nadler (NY)	Royce	Tsongas
Napolitano	Ruppersberger	Turner
Neal (MA)	Salazar	Upton
Neugebauer	Sanchez, Loretta	Van Hollen
Nunes	Sarbanes	Velázquez
Nye	Scalise	Visclosky
Oberstar	Schakowsky	Walden
Obe	Schauer	Walz
Olson	Schmidt	Wasserman
Olver	Schock	Schultz
Owens	Schrader	Waters
Pallone	Schwartz	Watson
Pascarella	Scott (GA)	Watt
Pastor (AZ)	Scott (VA)	Waxman
Paul	Sensenbrenner	Weiner
Paulsen	Serrano	Welch
Pence	Sessions	Westmoreland
Perlmutter	Sestak	Whitfield
Perriello	Shadegg	Wilson (OH)
Peters	Shea-Porter	Wilson (SC)
Peterson	Sherman	Wittman
Petri	Shimkus	Wolf
Pitts	Shuler	Woolsey
Platts	Shuster	Wu
Poe (TX)	Sires	Yarmuth
Polis (CO)	Skelton	Young (AK)
Pomeroy	Slaughter	Young (FL)

### NOT VOTING—59

Alexander	Griffith	Ortiz
Arcuri	Gutierrez	Payne
Barrett (SC)	Hall (NY)	Pingree (ME)
Berry	Higgins	Rohrabacher
Bishop (NY)	Hinojosa	Ros-Lehtinen
Blumenauer	Hodes	Ross
Blunt	Hoekstra	Rush
Bocieri	Inglis	Ryan (OH)
Bono Mack	Jackson Lee	Ryan (WI)
Boucher	(TX)	Sánchez, Linda
Brown-Waite,	Johnson (IL)	T.
Ginny	Kirk	Schiff
Cao	Lamborn	Simpson
Cassidy	Lipinski	Space
Childers	Maffei	Spratt
Conyers	Manzullo	Stupak
Davis (AL)	Matheson	Taylor
Delahunt	McNerney	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, L.	Melancon	Towns
Fallin	Mollohan	Wamp
Graves	Murphy, Patrick	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### CHIROPRACTIC CARE AVAILABLE TO ALL VETERANS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1017, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the